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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CONGEN COMMENTS ON TERRORISM AND WORK PRIORITIES

1. SHIMON AVIMOR, NEWLY ARRIVED ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL IN MARSEILLE, TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE CONSIDERS POST ENTEBBE ATMOSPHERE AS DANGEROUS PERIOD FOR POTENTIAL TERRORIST ACTION DESPITE LIFT IT GAVE TO ISRAELI NATIONAL UNITY. AVIMOR, FORMERLY AMBASSADOR IN GABON, CAMBODIA AND LAOS, SAID ENTEBBE AND RECENT SUCCESSFUL EGYPTIAN ACTION AGAINST HIJACKERS HAD CREATED PSYCHOLOGICAL NEED FOR REVENGE AND FACE-SAVING ON PART OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. IN ADDITION, HE FELT PALESTINIANS OR THEIR SUPPORTERS WOULD NO LONGER RISK DEALING WITH HOSTAGES BUT WOULD STRIKE SELECTED TARGETS DIRECTLY AND VIOLENTLY. HE STATED THAT PREFET OF BOUCHES-DU-RHONE MICHEL AURILLAC HAD REASSURED HIM THAT SECURITY SITUATION IN MARSEILLE WAS "UNDER CONTROL" DESPITE LARGE ARAB POPULATION. AVIMOR SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SHARE SECURITY INFORMATION OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH US AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY ASSISTANCE WE COULD PROVIDE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

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MONACO, AND A JEWISH COMMUNITY OF 200,000) AVIMOR SAID ONE OF HIS FIRST OBJECTIVES WAS TO BOOST ISRAELI TRADE. HE DESCRIBED DOMESTIC ECONOMY AS ISRAEL'S "NUMBER ONE PROBLEM" AND STATED THAT WHILE FIGHTING INFLATION AT HOME "BY FORCING THE POPULATION TO ACCEPT A CERTAIN AUSTERITY" HIS COUNTRY HAD AN URGENT NEED TO BROADEN ITS EXPORT PROGRAM.  
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